

In The Claims:

Claims 1-69 (withdrawn).

Claim 70 (pending). A composition comprising the reaction product of one or more trivalent metal salts other than chromium salts, an acid phosphorous compound and an aluminum hydroxy chloride, wherein said composition comprises:

36% ferric chloride solution;  
phosphorous acid flake;  
epichlorohydrin-dimethylacrylate; and  
50%  $\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_5\text{Cl}$ .

Claims 71-75 (withdrawn-per transmittal letter for this case).

Please add new claims 76-79.

76(new). A composition comprising the reaction product of one or more trivalent metal salts other than chromium salts, an acid phosphorous compound and an aluminum hydroxy chloride, wherein said composition comprises:

- a) ferric chloride solution, the said ferric chloride solution being from about 38 wt. % to about 42 wt. % ferric chloride;
- b) phosphorous acid solution, the said phosphorous acid solution being about 70 wt. % phosphorous acid;
- c) aluminum chlorohydrate solution, the said aluminum chlorohydrate solution being about 50 wt. % phosphorous acid; and

- d) optionally water; and
- e) optionally either epichlorohydrin-dimethylacrylate polymer or polydiallyldimethylammonium chloride polymer.

77(new). The composition of Claim 76 comprising:

- a) about 50.92 wt. % ferric chloride solution;
- b) about 11.29 wt. % phosphorous acid solution; and
- c) about 37.79 wt. % aluminum chlorohydrate solution.

78(new). The composition of Claim 76 comprising:

- a) about 46.85 wt. % ferric chloride solution;
- b) about 10.39 wt. % phosphorous acid solution;
- c) about 34.76 wt. % aluminum chlorohydrate solution; and
- d) about 8.00 wt. % epichlorohydrin-dimethylacrylate polymer.

79(new). The composition of Claim 76 comprising:

- a) about 25.49 wt. % ferric chloride solution;
- b) about 8.94 wt. % phosphorous acid solution;
- c) about 18.95 wt. % aluminum chlorohydrate solution;

- d) about 9.71 wt. % polydiallyldimethylammonium chloride polymer; and
- e) about 36.91 wt. % water.